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By Rebecca Palmore
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No kidding?

'Little Billy's Letters' contains author's pranks on famous and infamous public figures

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Over the years, "Little Billy" learned much from the country's top minds.

Secretaries of state, touched by the 10-year-old's handwritten letters on grade-school notepaper, wrote back advising him how to settle a treehouse dispute with his sister. Supreme Court justices weighed in on their favorite junk food. A publisher of racy magazines, asked whether there was a version for kids, told him to read the Sears

catalog instead and "you'll be 18 before you know it."

It was all a big setup. Little Billy was actually grown-up Bill Geerhart, punking the famous and infamous by writing letters to them asking questions out of the mouths of babes. Their correspondence back are compiled in a book, "Little Billy's Letters," out this week. Geerhart, who admits to a history of making crank phone calls and other mischief in his youth, collected the letters during a 15-year span, starting in the mid-1990s.



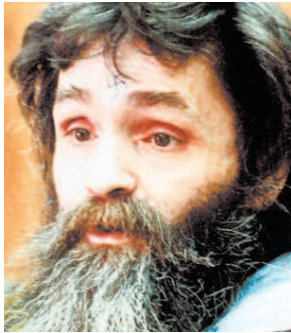
DAVID BERKOWITZ
The Son of Sam slayer, who killed six women in a late-1970s rampage in New York City, told Billy "don't do self-destructive things" and opened up about his own grief and guilt.



LARRY FLYNT
Geerhart, as Billy, asked Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt about porn for the pint-sized. No dice.



SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR
Probing the high court's opinions of McDonald's menu items, Billy learned the then-Supreme Court justice favors the Big Mac. Her colleague Clarence Thomas replied, "I like almost everything there."



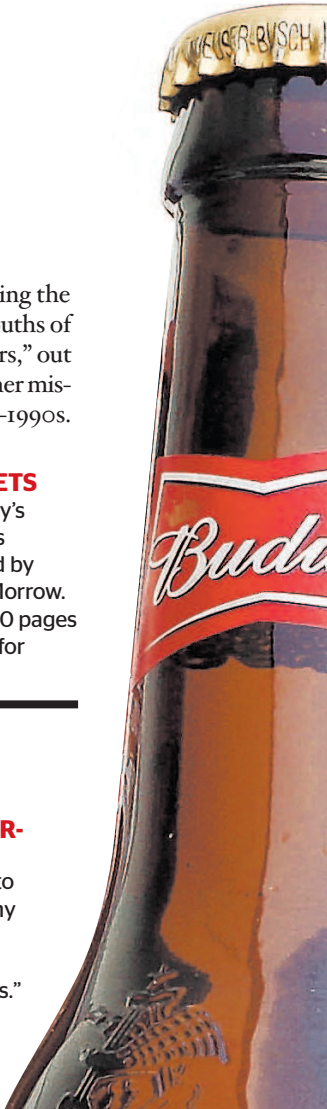
CHARLES MANSON
The murderous cult leader merely beefed that he wasn't getting his Los Angeles Times in prison.



JANET RENO
The former Attorney General, tried to settle the issue of whether Batman or the Terminator is the better crime fighter: "I read Batman comics when I was your age so I know of his efforts to fight crime better than I know of the Terminator's work."

THE DEETS
"Little Billy's Letters" is published by William Morrow. It runs 240 pages and sells for \$19.99.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH
Billy wrote to the company asking "if there is a beer for kids."



Chick-fil-A news to crow about

By Kevin Pang
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chick-fil-A said it would come to Chicago. The company has said that a number of times, starting from the time I wrote about a family in West Chicago who would drive many hours round-trip just to taste the chain's chicken sandwiches. This was nearly three years ago, when a spokesman assured me that a Chick-fil-A would open by 2008 in our town.

We waited. Then Chick-fil-A said in May it was coming.

We waited.

Hundreds of trees were brought down printing this news.

This time, it may actually be happening, because we have news of specific locations and dates. And it appears the company has booked plane tickets, hopefully nonrefundable ones, bound for Chicago.

A Chick-fil-A spokeswoman now is saying the chain will be in town the week of April 19 to break ground at locations in Aurora and Orland Park.

The plan is to open both locations by late summer. A third location is being planned in Wheaton.

I asked spokeswoman Cindi Pickett what are the chances that a Chick-fil-A will be in the Chicago area by the end of the year? She's on the record now.

"100 percent," she said.

Look, I know how these projects get delayed. But let's see if it's really going to happen this time. Fool me thrice, shame on whom?



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Stern doesn't know Sidibe

The list of people who pity Gabby Sidibe should be shorter than her "Precious" co-star's Oscar's acceptance speech.

And to paraphrase Mo'Nique, "bay-bee, that's short."

Sidibe hasn't even hit her dirty 30s and she already has been nominated for the highest Hollywood honor for her FIRST movie role.

She was introduced as a nominee by none other than Oprah.

And while Vanity Fair snubbed her for its up-and-coming actress cover, surely every single one of those slim cover girls coveted Sidibe's seat on Oscar night.

That's why it's surprising that some Hollywood insiders—including an anonymous (read: cowardly) casting director, and one really outspoken outsider are weighing in on Sidibe's weight and future acting prospects.

Since that supposed casting director couldn't summon the courage to be named, let's focus on the outsider, Howard Stern, who uttered the following about Sidibe during his Sirius radio show Monday.

"There's the most enormous, fat black chick I've ever seen," Stern said in his rant. "She is enormous. Everyone's pretending she's a part of show business and she's never going to be in another movie."

He followed up these rude remarks with some phony-sounding statement of concern for her health.

Oh please.

Stern is concerned about her looks, not her longevity. Intriguing, coming from a man who looks like a lost member of the Ramones mixed with "Monster" from the Muppets.

Let's just say Jimmy Kimmel won't look for Stern for Part II of his hilarious "Handsome Men's Club" sketch. On top of that, the cosmetically challenged Stern already is wrong about Sidibe scoring other roles. She has been cast in the film "Yelling to the Sky," also starring Zoe Kravitz, according to the New York Daily News.

She also will be a recurring character on the Showtime series "The Big C," co-starring Laura Linney. And perhaps most important, Sidibe's got the "O" stamp of approval, per that televised tribute on Oscar night, though Stern wrote that off as part of the "lies" about Sidibe's film future.

Seems more like Stern is lying to himself. Does he honestly think the undisputed Queen of All Media wouldn't cast the Oscar- and Golden Globe-nominated star?

He couldn't possibly be as stupid as he sounded Monday. Stern simply wanted to knock the stardust off of an award-winning actress who doesn't appeal to his aesthetic—an aesthetic he might want to revisit given his own appearance.

If Mr. Face for Radio can't do that, he should at least shut his considerable beak when it comes to the film industry.

As his inability to play even himself in the 1997 biopic "Private Parts" indicates, he clearly knows nothing about how to start or continue a career in film.



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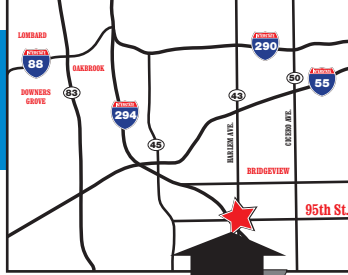
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Sham-WOW

The green scene aims for different kind of fun this year on the South Side

By Kyra Kyles
REDEYE

Ordinarily, Beverly is a sleepy, almost suburban-looking 'hood.

Cozy little businesses operate steps from its Rock Island Metra stop just off 99th Street and Longwood Drive.

Large, Victorian-style homes dot the quiet, tree-lined landscape.

But in recent years, the quiet area transformed every March into something comparable to New Orleans at Mardi Gras, with crowds streaming in from all sides of the city, and some from other states. The momentous occasion: the South Side Irish Parade held the Sunday before or Sunday of St. Patrick's Day. But the 30-plus-year-old tradition of proceeding down Western Avenue was canceled last year, after a too-large attendee count of about 300,000 and 54 arrests, according to a Chicago Tribune report.

In its place, the South Side Irish Parade Committee is backing the South Side Parade Irish Family Fest on March 13 at the Beverly Arts Center. The event is closer to the original intent of the parade, according to the Beverly Art Center's executive director, Mike Nix.

"This started out as a bunch of kids marching down the street," Nix said of the South Side parade. "They had decorated wagons and their parents came out and watched them."

Phil Melcher, a 32-year-old past parade attendee, said the new event sounded like fun. He said he lost his taste for the event last year, after a Rock Island train ride down to Beverly with what he described as a group of young, drunken men behaving like "a half-assed 'Animal House.'"

"I wouldn't wish that on anyone," said Melcher, who lives in Mokena. ... "I told my girlfriend that was the last time I was going. Turns out I was right. It was just too crazy."

But not everyone is over the event.

There is speculation that at least one large group may go down to Beverly in protest of the parade cancellation. In the weeks leading up to



Maggie Harrigan, center, 25, of Chicago, watches the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade with her friends March 12, 2006. Officials decided to ax the parade after numerous arrests and unruly behavior last year. **JOSÉ M. OSORIO / TRIBUNE PHOTO**

St. Patrick's Day, a parade-focused Facebook event for March 14—the day the parade would have been held this year—attracted about 13,000 RSVPs, the Tribune reported. "I say we show up at the Southside Irish Parade anyways" is no longer publicly searchable or visible on Facebook, and its poster did not respond to a RedEye interview request in time for publication.

Still, local police say they are ready in case pub crawlers come a'calling.

The city also is reviewing options to hold any organizer of a pub crawl legally and financially responsible for city services or dam-

ages in the event of an incident, according to a Chicago Police Department statement, which also warned of heavy DUI enforcement in the Beverly and Morgan Park areas and surrounding suburbs. Some parade regulars said they opted to sidestep that type of potential pub crawl trouble, but nonetheless are making plans that do not involve the sanctioned family fest.

Lisle resident Ken Smith, 35, said he and about 200 Facebook friends, plus family members, will skip the Beverly area altogether and instead head to Tinley Park to watch that suburb's parade this year.

"We want to celebrate," said Smith, who grew up in Mount Greenwood. He said members of his family—known as the Hennessy Clan—have been part of South Side festivities and parade proceedings since 1954. "We want a parade to be part of that celebration. That was what made it so much fun."

Beverly's Sean Lawrence and his wife are hosting a house party complete with a flippy cup tournament and dishes that include lamb stew, corned beef, beer and soda bread. Typically, the party followed the parade.

This year, it replaces it, said Lawrence, 37.

"We used to enjoy getting out there seeing

When Chi-rish eyes smiled

1 Tom Mugica, 9, marches in the St. Patrick's Day parade in the 19th Ward on March 16, 1981.

2 A leprechaun float moves down Western Avenue near 103rd Street on March 12, 1990.

3 Steve Abrahamson towers above the parade March 17, 1991.

4 Political candidates marched in the parade March 11, 1990.

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FILE PHOTOS

Check out more photos of past South Side Chicago parades at chicagonow.com/blogs/RedEye

The South Side Irish parade has roots dating to 1979. According to tradition, it all started when 17 children, remembered today as the "wee folks," marched around the 10900 blocks of Washtenaw and Talman avenues, the Tribune reports. In later years, the parade was known as much for its party atmosphere as its tradition. A look down memory lane:



NEW TRADITIONS

South Side resident Tracy Ritchey, whose husband, Jim Ritchey, got a permit to close their block to traffic, said they distributed fliers and chatted with many families with young children on the block that wanted to start a new tradition. "We just figured that without the parade, we still wanted to be able to get outdoors," said Tracy Ritchey, 43, who lives in the 10500 block of South Troy Street. "It kind of gets our spring started."

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Lights out for others

Some Irish eyes aren't smiling about the shuttering of the beloved South Side parade, but melancholy marchers can take solace: They aren't the only Chicagoans losing a time-honored tradition.

JULY 3 FIREWORKS IN GRANT PARK

The three-decade-plus tradition that drew crowds during the Taste of Chicago has officially fizzled, and will be replaced by three smaller fireworks displays scattered along the lakefront at Navy Pier and two yet-to-be finalized locations on the South and North sides, according to Mayor's Office of Special Events.

VENETIAN NIGHT

The city called for lights out when it came to this dazzling boat-parade tradition that started more than 50 years ago under the reign of Mayor Daley's father. City officials said the decision cut approximately \$100,000 and \$200,000 in respective fireworks and crowd-policing costs.

OUTDOOR FILM FESTIVAL

Local cinephiles who enjoyed the summer tradition of watching classic films, including "Duck Soup" and "Psycho" on a 50-foot screen, will have to find another way to get their fix. The program, which hit its 10th anniversary last year, is a goner with no foreseeable film replacement, Gatzliolis said. She did offer a little hope though. Locals can still enjoy smaller outdoor screenings available through the park district's separate Movies in the Parks program, she said.

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Check out Metromix's party guide to St. Patrick's Day events this weekend.

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neighbors you don't always get to see and watching the parade with the kids," Lawrence said. "We used to have friends from all over the city come, but now we'll just be at home."

Some Beverly bar owners are disappointed by rumblings that residents will opt for more private affairs.

One of the owners of popular St. Patrick's Day party spot Cork & Kerry is pinning his hopes on North Siders and out-of-towners who may continue the tradition of Beverly bar-hopping.

In years past, the bar hit its 400-person capacity by 11 a.m. and retained 20 security guards for crowd control, Bill Guide said. He said last week that he asked

half the usual amount of bar staff to be on the clock.

"We hope we'll get a good turnout," Guide said. "It'd be such a shame to lose what used to be such a fun time for everyone."

Some North Siders also are feeling the Shamrock sting. Jason Erkes, president of the Chicago Sport & Social Club, used to organize 20 buses that would travel from the North Side to Beverly. This year, Erkes' organization is hosting a St. Patrick's Day event at Bull and Bear on March 17, but it won't have the same South Side spirit.

"It's just a bar party," Erkes said. "It's a lot different than getting to go down to Irish communities."

Patrick Berger, co-owner of Paddy Long's in the

Sheffield/DePaul area, said shuttles between his bar and Beverly were "immensely popular" during the past few years. He said his sympathies are with the South Side bar owners.

"It doesn't really affect us, but it's like the biggest day of their entire year," Berger said. "Now it might end up just being almost dead."

"Might" being the operative word for Guide, who said he still believes at least 3,000 to 4,000 people will be out on Western Avenue this year.

When asked if that meant he would end up calling in more staff or increasing inventory, Guide paused.

"I don't know," he said, with a laugh. "We'll just play it by beer."

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Blackie's probed

**Owners charged in check scheme;
Senate hopeful's family bank mentioned**

Chicago Tribune

Two owners of Boston Blackie's have been charged in a scheme that cost a pair of banks nearly \$2 million and also created another political headache for Democratic Senate nominee Alexi Giannoulias.

The father and son owners used business accounts at the Giannoulias family-owned financial institution, Broadway Bank, as part of their scheme, according to charges filed by Cook County prosecutors.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Boston Blackie's restaurants were maintaining a "business as usual" demeanor Thursday after the chain's owner, his son and a restaurant manager were accused of being involved in a \$1.8 million check-kiting scheme.

Prosecutors did not accuse Broadway Bank of any wrongdoing. But they did say Blackie's Owners Chris Giannis, 38, and his father, Nick Giannis, 62, wrote checks with insufficient funds from accounts at Broadway to make deposits at other banks, then quickly moved that money out of the other banks.

The scheme is known as "check-kiting," prosecutors said.

The restaurant chain has a longstanding relationship with Broadway Bank and the Giannoulias family, according to public records and interviews. Boston Blackie's borrowed millions of dollars over the years from Broadway for several commercial loans, and Nick Giannis was a significant donor to Alexi Giannoulias' campaigns.

State and federal campaign records show Nick Giannis donated \$110,000 to Giannoulias' 2006 bid for state treasurer and \$4,800 to his current bid for U.S. Senate.

In court Thursday, prosecutors told Judge Adam Bourgeois that Nick Giannis was arrested on the border near Detroit, trying to flee to Canada. Chris Giannis and a Boston Blackie's employee, Andy Bakopoulos, appeared in bond court after surrendering.

Bourgeois set bail at \$500,000 for Chris Giannis and \$250,000 for Bakopoulos. He justified the lower bail by comparing the case to Bernie Madoff, the admitted director of what's been described as the country's largest Ponzi scheme.

The judge noted that Madoff was released on home confinement despite having stolen \$65 million. "I'm not saying this isn't serious, but your numbers are a little low," Bourgeois told prosecutors.



Boston Blackie's restaurant remains open after the owners were charged in a \$1.8 million check scheme. ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE PHOTO

Two banks have been identified as victims in the case, Charter One Bank, which lost about \$1 million; and Washington Mutual—now part of Chase Bank—which lost about \$833,000 in September 2008, prosecutors said.

Attorneys request delay for Blago trial

Chicago Tribune

Lawyers for former Gov. Rod Blagojevich want his corruption trial delayed until November.

In a filing Thursday, Blagojevich's attorneys contend they cannot adequately prepare to defend him without knowing what the U.S. Supreme Court will do in its handling of the "honest services" fraud law. The nation's highest court is expected to rule on the matter by June.

Blagojevich is scheduled to go on trial on June on charges he conspired to sell the U.S. Senate seat vacated by President Obama and other misuse of his office.

The filing also said that some who acted as advisers to Blagojevich while he still was governor have changed their opinions about whether he violated the statute, which requires that elected officials perform their duties honestly.

Still, the defense contends that the high court could strike the law down, making it impossible to know how to prepare an opening statement or for cross-examination of witnesses.

In addition, the attorneys contend the amount of evidence turned over by prosecutors recently has made it unrealistic to proceed June 3 as scheduled.

As recently as Friday, the government turned over 12,650 pages of documents, according to the defense.

Blagojevich was charged with violating "honest services" fraud, among other charges, but prosecutors re-indicted him on other statutes on more solid legal footing. If the high court declared "honest services" fraud unconstitutional, prosecutors are prepared to dismiss those counts and proceed on the rest of the case in hopes of avoiding any delay in the trial. Testimony is likely to take months.



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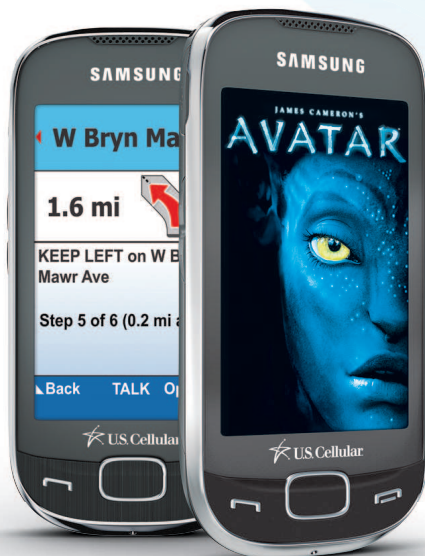
March 26

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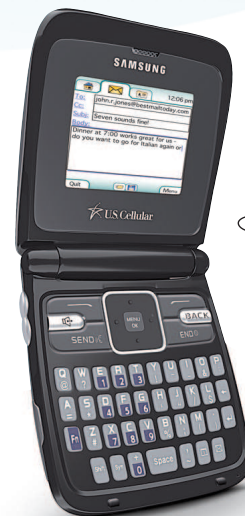
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Capt. Mark Townsend (left) says he's disappointed and angry about the lack of minorities in the Chicago Fire Department. ALEX GARCIA/TRIBUNE PHOTO

‘Moving backwards’

Mark Townsend joined the Chicago Fire Department in 1988 hoping to help pave the way for future black firefighters in an agency long plagued by charges of racism.

But as Townsend nears retirement, he faces a troubling fact: Despite years of diversity training and a highly publicized minority recruitment campaign, the percentage of African-Americans in the department is shrinking.

Chicago ranks third from the bottom—in front of only New York and Baltimore—when it comes to how closely its percentage of black fire-

fighters matches the city's racial makeup, according to a Tribune analysis of 10 of the largest fire departments.

“We are definitely moving backwards,” said Townsend, a captain and 22-year veteran. “It’s very disappointing, and it also makes you angry.”

The racial makeup of the department is in the spotlight as the U.S. Supreme Court in the coming months is expected to rule on a potential \$100 million civil rights case stemming from allegations of racial bias against black applicants in the department’s

1995 entry-level exam. Since that test, the percentage of African-Americans in the department has slipped from 22 percent to 18 percent, though blacks represent about 34 percent of the city’s population.

Townsend and others worry it is only going to get worse. Hundreds of black firefighters hired in the 1980s soon will be eligible for retirement, so they expect to see their numbers plummet.

Fire department officials stressed it will take time to achieve greater diversity in a large agency with little turnover.

3 hurt in drive-by shooting

They were on their way to grab mochas and iced teas at the 7-Eleven—a 12-year-old boy, his 14-year-old sister and their 16-year-old friend—when six shots rang out at close range.

The children dove to the ground as a pickup truck sped away Wednesday evening. All three were hit: the 12-year-old in the chest and arm, the 16-year-old in the abdomen and legs, the girl grazed in her side.

After a minute or two, they ran into the 7-Eleven on Bode Road in Schaumburg. The girl says she looked at her brother, who was crying, and noticed a small blood stain and a bullet hole in his red South Pole shirt, just below the chest.

“He was just crying,” she said this morning from her home, where she was recovering. “‘Call Mom’ is all he kept saying.”

The children were taken to St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. The girl was treated and released. Her brother was in critical condition Thursday, and the 16-year-old was upgraded to good condition.

Bus driver charged with DUI

Mount Prospect school officials have called a special meeting Monday to address parent concerns after a bus driver was arrested for taking 50 students home with nearly three times the legal level of alcohol in her system.

Officials also intend to review procedures used to identify employees suspected of substance abuse, the district announced Thursday.

“Some parents are obviously pretty upset, which is very understandable,” said Joseph Leane, board president for Mount Prospect School District 57. “I am too.”

A co-worker had smelled alcohol on the breath of driver Betty Burden around 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, before she left Lions Park Elementary School with 50 children on board, officials say. But she wasn’t pulled over and arrested until around 4 p.m.—after she had dropped everyone off.

Leane said the co-worker did not report the suspicions to a supervisor until 3:30 p.m. The supervisor caught up with Burden on the bus route.

Man sentenced to prison in slaying

A North Side man pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 35 years in prison Thursday in the 2007 slaying of an Arlington Heights woman, prosecutors said. Patrick J. Ford, 28, pleaded guilty but mentally ill to first-degree murder in the strangulation and stabbing death of Dana Mangi in his apartment in the 1000 block of West Grace Street on Aug. 18, 2007, said Cook County state’s attorney spokesman Andy Conklin.

Police: Man sold drugs near school

A 51-year-old man has been charged with making drug transactions near a South Side high school. Marvin Ester, of the 7500 block of South Trumbull Avenue, is charged with delivery of heroin within 1,000 feet of a school, police said Thursday. About 1 p.m. Wednesday, officers were patrolling the area of Dyett High School, 555 E. 51st St., when they noticed Ester “engaging in what appeared to be hand-to-hand transactions with passersby,” police said.

17 treated for fumes on West Side

A total of 17 people were treated after complaining of becoming sick from fumes at two West Side buildings Thursday morning, but no hazardous fumes were detected, fire officials said. Fire officials called a hazardous materials response for a building in the 2300 block of South Western Avenue about 10:25 a.m., but officials found nothing wrong there, said Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford. After that incident, a number of people at the Western Avenue building went to another facility nearby, in the 900 block of West 21st Street, run by the same company, and began complaining of illness there, Langford said.

Sony unveils motion system



Sony's new motion controller

1 Sony has a new message for Nintendo Wii gamers: Come join us. The Japanese maker of the PlayStation 3 unveiled Thursday in Tokyo its highly anticipated motion controlling system, as it takes aim at

Nintendo's dominance in the gaming sector. With the "PlayStation Move," Sony hopes to lure gamers who have outgrown Nintendo, which launched the Wii in 2006 and became the first to introduce motion-detecting controllers.

NYC to pay Sept. 11 rescuers

2 New York City agreed Thursday to pay up to \$657 million to settle more than 10,000 lawsuits filed by ground zero rescue and response workers who say they were sickened by World Trade Center dust.

Reid's wife, daughter injured

3 Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's wife and daughter were hospitalized Thursday—his wife with a broken back and neck—after their minivan was rear-ended by a semitrailer on an interstate highway in suburban Virginia, authorities said. Mrs. Reid was listed in serious condition, an aide said, but she was not expected to require surgery.

Threats against Va. Tech

4 Virginia Tech police are investigating new threats of another mass shooting at the university in online YouTube postings. Authorities had investigated similar threats in October and believe the new posts are from the same person.

Highway deaths down

5 U.S. highway deaths have fallen to their lowest levels since the 1950s, as more motorists bought into buckling up and embraced safety innovations, the Transportation Department said Thursday.

Roman school sells condoms

6 The decision by a Rome high school to install condom vending machines has set off a storm in Italy, with the Catholic Church charging the move will encourage young people to have sex and Rome's mayor saying Thursday that it sends the wrong message.

THE DIGIT

1 **7** Two glowing brides in white gowns made history Thursday as they wed in Mexico City under Latin America's first law that explicitly approves gay marriage.

Lesbian, school square off

8 **JACKSON, Miss.** Constance McMillen didn't believe her Mississippi school district really would call off her senior prom rather than allow her to show up with her girlfriend and wear a tuxedo.

On Thursday, a day after the Itawamba County school board did just that, the 18-year-old lesbian high school senior reluctantly returned to campus to some unfriendly looks, she said.

"Somebody said, 'Thanks for ruining my senior year,'" McMillen said.

The district announced Wednesday that it wouldn't host the April 2 prom. The deci-

sion came after the American Civil Liberties Union demanded that officials change a policy banning same-sex prom dates because it violated students' rights.

And the ACLU said the district not letting McMillen wear a tuxedo violated her free expression rights.

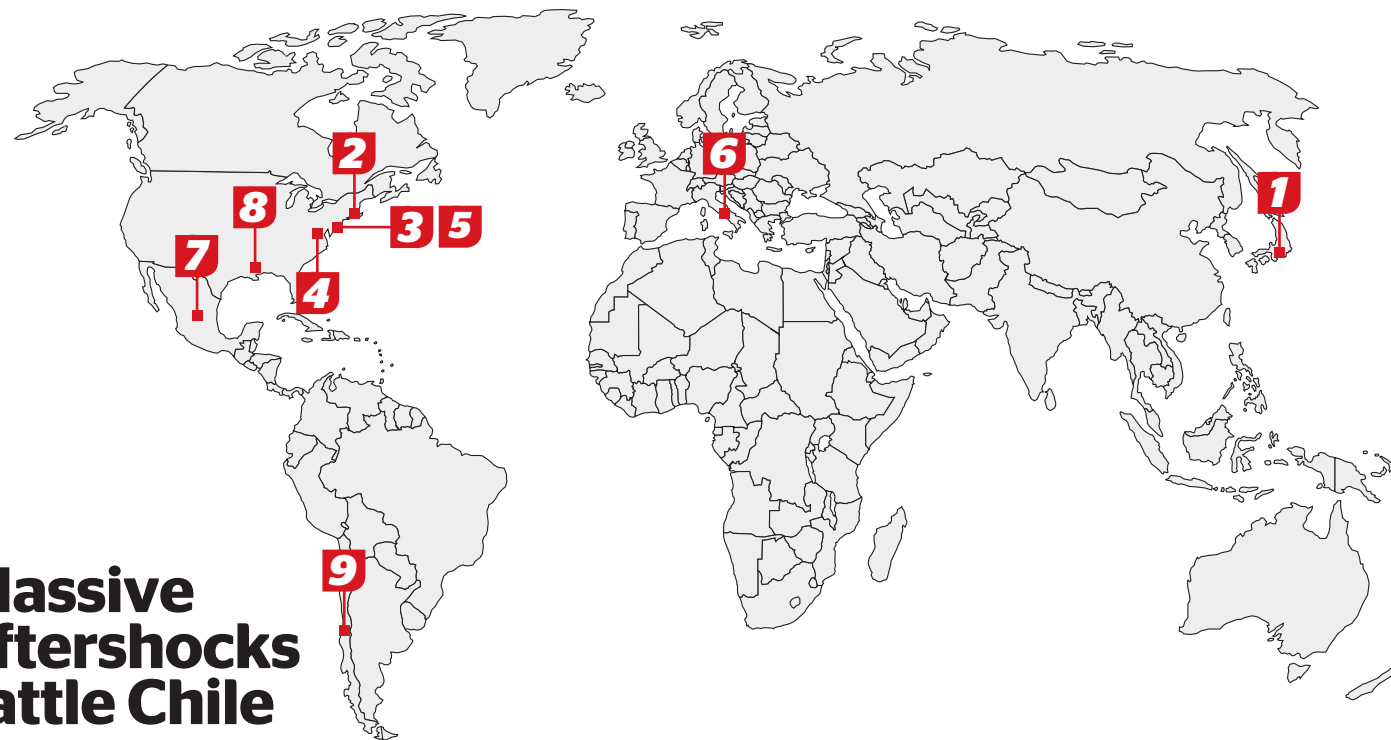
The ACLU filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Oxford to force the school district to sponsor the prom and allow McMillen to bring whom she chooses and wear what she wants.

District officials didn't return numerous calls left by The Associated Press seeking

comment Thursday.

McMillen said she never expected the district to respond the way it did. She said she didn't want to go back to Itawamba County Agricultural High School in Fulton the morning after the decision, but her father told her she needed to face her classmates, teachers and school officials.

"My daddy told me that I needed to show them that I'm still proud of who I am," McMillen told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "The fact that this will help people later on, that's what's helping me to go on."



Massive aftershocks rattle Chile

9 **SANTIAGO, Chile** A series of strong aftershocks from last month's devastating quake rocked Chile on Thursday as a new president was sworn into office and immediately urged coastal residents to move to higher ground in case of a tsunami.

The strongest aftershock, with a magnitude of 6.9, was nearly as strong as the quake that devastated Haiti's capital Jan. 12. There were no immediate reports of damages or injuries.

The Chilean Navy issued a tsunami warning while the U.S. Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said the aftershocks were too small to cause dangerous waves beyond Chile's central coast.

President Sebastian Pinera was inaugurated at a congressional building in coastal Valparaiso before the building was evacuated as a precaution.

The magnitude-6.9 aftershock is the strongest since the day of the Feb. 27, magnitude-8.8 quake.



People walk up a hill after a magnitude-6.9 aftershock in Constitucion, Chile. Several aftershocks rocked the country as President Sebastian Pinera was sworn into office. **APPHOTO**

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WHIZZER CHALLENGE

I'm trying to pace myself, folks. There are a lot of games to predict this month, so I've got to stay fresh. That's why I took the first round of the Big Ten tournament off. Or, maybe it's because I just don't care about teams like Penn State or Minnesota. In any case, I'm forecasting the rest of the Big Ten tourney, and I want you to try to outdo my predictions by texting me your picks. Just text **"whiz"** followed by your winners to **87708**. Be sure to include your name so I can give you credit in Monday's RedEye.

QUARTERFINALS

Ohio St. vs. Michigan

11 a.m. Friday, ESPN

OSU walks all over the Wolverines.

Wisconsin vs. Illinois

1:25 p.m. Friday, ESPN

The Illini stay alive with a big win.

Purdue vs. Northwestern

5:30 p.m. Friday, Big Ten Network

Sorry, Wildcats. You've used up all your nine lives.

Michigan St. vs. Minnesota

7:55 p.m. Friday, Big Ten Network

The Golden Gophers are not golden. More brown, as in toast.

SEMIFINALS

Ohio St. vs. Illinois

12:40 p.m. Saturday, CBS

The Fighting Illini turn into the fleeing Illini. See ya.

Purdue vs. Michigan St.

3 p.m. Saturday, CBS

This is Purdue's tourney to lose, and they do.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Ohio St. vs. Michigan St.

2:30 p.m. Sunday

You knew this was coming: Spartans win. OSU goes home to watch Selection Sunday.

NORTHWESTERN 73, INDIANA 58

'Cats alive

Northwestern keeps NCAA, NIT tourney hopes alive with win over Indiana

Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS The man who nicknamed himself "Juice" in the second grade because his jumper was "100 percent pure" looked more like a kid firing duds at a carnival Thursday.

Michael Thompson missed six of his first seven shots from behind the 3-point line, and Northwestern clanked 22 of its first 24.

It got so bad that coach Bill Carmody, who had bemoaned the "tough rims" at Conseco Fieldhouse, asked himself, "How did Reggie Miller make all those shots?"

And then, in a flash, Thompson rescued the Wildcats from a loss that would have knocked them from the Big Ten tournament—and probably the NIT.

Thompson swished three 3s during a two-minute span to lead Northwestern to a 73-58 comeback victory over Indiana that sets up a quarterfinal showdown with second-seeded Purdue at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Trailing 37-29 with just more than 16 minutes to play, the Wildcats roared back with a 30-13 run.

They did it, during stretches, with an unusual floor combination of Thompson, John Shurna, Alex Marcotullio, Mike Capocci and Davide Curletti.

Curletti doubled his career high with 12 points after Luka Mirkovic fouled out with



NU's Michael Thompson drives to the basket Thursday. GETTY IMAGES PHOTO

nearly 11 minutes to play.

The high-flying Capocci grabbed NU's biggest rebound—getting hacked while cleaning up a Jordan Hulls miss. He made two free throws for a 47-45 lead.

And Marcotullio, all but invisible in conference play, drilled two second-half 3-pointers and had five assists in 20 minutes.

"They're usually stopgap guys," Carmody said. "But I couldn't take 'em out."

After his players stumbled for the first 20 minutes, Carmody told them: "You have to bother guys. If you're just going to be statues, [the zone] is not going to be effective."

In the second half, Northwestern (20-12) battered Indiana with its 1-3-1 zone, forcing 13 turnovers. The Wildcats committed one in that span.

Asked about playing Purdue with so little prep time, Carmody replied: "It's difficult; it's challenging. But we're playing [Friday], so that's great."

Fighting Illini's season on the line

Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS Illinois was down 10 points, and Assembly Hall grew quiet.

Concern permeated the crowd Sunday in the second half against Wisconsin, in a game of intense importance to the Illini's NCAA tournament hopes.

Then Illinois coach Bruce Weber shouted from the sidelines, "Start playing your asses off," for all of the arena to hear.

The surprised crowd took a moment to process his words, then applauded its approval.

His message did not have its desired effect as the Illini lost 72-57 for their fifth defeat in their last six games.

What's surprising is that at this point, with so much at stake for Illinois, Weber would have to yell something like that at his team.

Such is the nature of the lax Illini. Friday, when they face those same Badgers in the quar-

terfinals of the Big Ten tournament, another halfhearted effort likely will lead to broken hearts on Selection Sunday as they could be headed to the NIT.

"I don't know if they were a little bit uptight or if they thought they were going to come at home and win," Weber said. "It's tough to read. Their personality, it can be trying, there's no doubt as a team. But at the same time, we are a very good team, we've shown it."

Desperate times are good times

A little desperation now and again can be a very good thing.

I'm referring to the Bears, of course, but the theory easily can be applied to other Chicago teams. I wish they were a little desperate.

Hats off to the Bears. You tell a coach he's got one year to get it done, and he goes out and breaks the bank.

Welcome to Julius Peppers, Chester Taylor and the Tight End—Mama something.

Now, we're not done. We will be needing: A safety, another big receiver and a good offensive lineman.

The Blackhawks, well, they should be desperate. They've still got a problem in goal. I'm not sure I'm sold on Niemi (or shall we call him Niente—Italian for nothing). I know I'm not sold on Cristobal Huet. So, yeah, not sure what the answer is. Maybe better defensemen. I hear Chris Chelios is still playing at age 48. Maybe we could do worse ...

The Bulls: Definitely desperate. The official farewell tour for coach Vinny Del Negro should begin immediately. It's not all his fault—he's had a ton of injuries. But when it's over, it's over. We'll need a better coach to lure the big-time free agents, anyway.

Unfortunately, I have no suggestions because I look around and see coaches as overpaid as the players.

It's spring training. We don't bring up old wounds—no wait, of course we do. Milton Bradley, still mouthing off. Question: Could we send the guy any farther away than Seattle?

But here's the deal in Chicago, Milton, just so you know: They love you when it's going good; they want to run you out of town when it's bad. That has nothing to do with skin color. Ask Jay Cutler.

As for the White Sox, so far, so quiet. It's almost getting boring. I'm expecting an Ozzie eruption soon. It's all on him: He wanted more speed, less power, and he got it. Love the DH-by-committee. By the way, Ozzie, things get stalled in committee.

Better get desperate.

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Northwestern's Davide Curletti attacks the basket Thursday night in the opening round of the Big Ten tournament. **AP PHOTO**



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1 What's an essential item to have when watching Selection Sunday?	To warm you up when your team is left out in the cold, I present to you: the Snubbie.	A fist ready to pump, jab or pound. Happy Festivus.	A huge glass of ice water. That Championship Week hangover is a killer.	Paris Hilton sex tape ... in case I get bored.	Your dignity. Oh, wait, you're watching Selection Sunday ...
2 What name other than Selection Sunday would you call the unveiling of the NCAA tourney field?	Got nothing, but how about this for college hockey: St. Hat Trick's Day.	"Beforeplay."	If you're a team from Illinois, it's known as Rejection Sunday.	The day once a year when people know what Gonzaga is.	Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious Sunday. It'll catch on.
3 What is your bracket strategy?	For the Final Four I pick three No. 1 seeds and write in "sunflower" as my fourth seed (usually my best pick).	The hipster way. I rely on records.	For that answer, please consult our publication's stylebook.	Chloroform Phil and steal his bracket.	Pick all of the winners by seed number in the tournament. Yeah, I'm that kind of guy.
4 Why is NBC airing a second straight Blackhawks game on Sunday?	What else is NBC going to air on a Sunday? "Last Call for Biggest Celebrity Losers with Carson Daly"?	It's the Olympics Chicago never got. A mercy puck.	Anything to keep Blago—the hairdresser's apprentice—out of the spotlight as much as possible.	What does the games' sexual orientation have to do with it?	Without the Olympics, they've got nothing good to show. Then again, the Olympics weren't something good to show.
5 The IndyCar season kicks off this weekend. What will Danica Patrick do?	Would we care about Danica if she looked like Amy Winehouse? That Guy: "After three Jagers? Yes."	Go Daddy. Will she have to search for her engine?	Probably crash. Making right turns is a foreign concept to her now.	Something slutty, something really slutty.	The officials?



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Tied after 10

GLENDAL, Ariz. Brian Horwitz hit a run-scoring single in the ninth inning for Cleveland, and the Indians and White Sox called off their exhibition game Thursday with the score tied at 5 after 10 innings. C.J. Retherford hit a two-run homer during a three-run eighth that put the Sox ahead 5-4. Cleveland, the only unbeaten team in spring training, scored three runs in the second inning off Sox starter Freddy Garcia, who allowed five hits with three strikeouts in his second spring start.

**CUBS 8,
SAN DIEGO 7**

Castro cruising

PEORIA, Ariz. The Cubs insist Starlin Castro needs to start the season at Triple-A Iowa to get the experience necessary to become an everyday player. But Castro's bat is saying otherwise. The 19-year-old rookie, who will celebrate his 20th birthday March 24, went 2-for-3 with a home run, three runs scored and two RBIs in an 8-7 win over San Diego on Thursday in Peoria. Castro is hitting .571 for the spring.



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Danica's road show

Racing star trades NASCAR ovals for IndyCar's winding opener

SAO PAULO Danica Patrick's stint in NASCAR is receding into her rearview mirror—for now.

Patrick is back with the IndyCar Series after three races in NASCAR's second-tier Nationwide circuit, and she can't wait for the open-wheel season to get under way with the Sao Paulo Indy 300 on Sunday.

"I've really enjoyed my time running in NASCAR thus far," she told The Associated Press in an e-mail. "However, the IndyCar Series has always been my focus and winning the Indianapolis 500 is a lifelong dream. I'm looking forward to getting back into an IndyCar."

Patrick, a Roscoe, Ill., native, will stick with the IndyCar Series for the next four months before returning to NASCAR the last weekend in June. She then will spend the rest of the year going back and forth between the final nine IndyCar races and at least 10 more Nationwide events for JR Motorsports.

But now it's all about the IndyCar Series.

"I'm expecting a lot out of 2010—I always set high goals for myself," the 27-year-old driver said. "I think that consistency will be the biggest asset I have going into the year. I have the same race engineer, the same crew and the same race package. I think that

LADIES FIRST?

Danica Patrick isn't the only woman in the IndyCar Series this season. Here are the others.



**Milka
Duno**
No. 18



**Sarah
Fisher**
No. 67



**Ana Beatriz
Figueiredo**
No. 23



**Simona de
Silvestro**
No. 78

will prove to be very useful as I've had an entire season working with this same formula and we have a solid foundation heading into the season."

Patrick finished fifth in the overall points standings in 2009, a career best. She also had her best Indy 500 performance last year, crossing the finish line in third.

"I think this season will be very competitive," she said. "I'm still looking for a series championship and of course, a win [at the Indy 500] is the ultimate goal."

Tiger Woods (right) is targeting a return to golf at the Arnold Palmer Invitational beginning March 25 at Bay Hill in Orlando. Two sources told the New York Post that Woods has retained former presidential adviser Ari Fleischer to help plot his return.



Collins John, a 24-year-old forward and English Premier League veteran, is expected to join the Fire for the 2010 season, a source familiar with the contract negotiations said Thursday. John has been training with the Fire since late January.

ORLANDO 111, BULLS 82

Bulls starters Joakim Noah (foot) and Luol Deng (calf) sat out Thursday's nationally-televised mismatch. Then All-Star Derrick Rose injured his left wrist in the first quarter when he was fouled hard by Dwight Howard.



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I've had it with Bulls players and foot injuries. I officially want to donate one of mine. I've got three others. Here now, my TV picks.



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**COLLEGE
BASKETBALL
Big Ten
tournament**

11 a.m. ESPN

Ohio State gets to crush Michigan. Enjoy.

**Patriot League
championship**

3:45 p.m. ESPN2

Lafayette at Lehigh? How about Poindexter?

**NBA
Bulls
at Miami**

6:30 p.m. WGN

If nothing else, this will be a nice visit to South Beach.

TOP of the mornin'

Your guide to all-day drinking for St. Patrick's Day weekend

By Lisa Arnett and Ernest Wilkins

You can't drink all day unless you start in the morning, you know. Lucky for you, we've got three imbibing itineraries mapped out for St. Pat's weekend. Cheers!

PARADE-DAY PARTYING SATURDAY

Build a downtown day o' drinking around the St. Pat's parade

Kick off with **Kegs and Eggs at McFadden's** (1206 N. State Pkwy. 312-475-9450), where \$20 buys you a breakfast buffet (think eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy) and your fill of emerald-tinted Miller Lite from 7-9 a.m. If the sight of tongues dyed green at this early hour doesn't wake you up, beats courtesy of DJ JC sure will. Open 7 a.m.-5 a.m. No cover.

Move on to the **St. Pati-O Party at the Cedar Hotel** (1112 N. State St. 312-944-1112), where you can sip \$5 Jameson cocktails or Guinness pints by a wall o' doors opened onto the patio, weather permitting. Already thinking about ditching the parade? There's a \$30 drink package (domestic beer and call liquor, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.) for those sticking around. Open 8 a.m.-2 a.m. No cover.

Ride the Red Line downtown and stake out your space streetside for the **Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade** (Columbus Drive from Balbo Drive to Monroe). After, hop on the Pink Line "L" at Adams or Madison and hop off at Quincy and Wells. A quick walk south will bring you to **Poag Mahone's** (333 S. Wells St. 312-566-9100), a weeknight haunt that opens one Saturday a year, just for this occasion. If you're lucky, you'll catch the Shannon Rovers bagpipin' crew (swinging in around 2, 4 and 6 p.m.) while you're knocking back drafts of \$4 Miller Lite and \$6.50 Guinness. Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. No cover.

Take a short ride on the Brown Line to the Merchandise Mart stop to pack in with jolly regulars at the **Shamrock Club** (210 W. Kinzie St. 312-321-9314), a no-frills bar serving up \$4.25 Miller Lite or Bud Light (served in those pretty green aluminum bottles that prevent you from hurting yourself or others) and \$8 green drafts and corned beef and cabbage combos. Open 10 a.m.-3 a.m. No cover.

If you've made it this far, there's no stopping you now. End the night at trusty pub **O'Callaghan's** (29 W. Hubbard St. 312-527-1180), where the staff has your back with much-needed sustenance in the form of perfectly crispy tater tots till 3 a.m. and \$4 Murphy's Irish red ale till 5 a.m. Open 9 a.m.-5 a.m. No cover.



Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade
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NORTH SIDE SATURDAY

Drink from dawn till dusk in Lincoln Park

We hope you got a good night's sleep, because your day starts at 8 a.m. at **Paddy Long's** (1028 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-290-6988) to watch some Six Nations rugby and drain your first green beer of the day. Take advantage of the traditional Irish breakfast, a \$12.95 spread of eggs, potatoes, baked beans, and black and white Irish pudding (that's sausage, folks). Trust us, you'll need every bite. Open 8 a.m.-2 a.m. No cover.

Now that your stomach's properly padded, head a few blocks over to **Trinity Bar** (2721 N. Halsted St. 773-880-9293) and plunk down \$20 to opt into a day-drinking package including domestic beer, Guinness, Harp, wine and well drinks from 9 a.m.-noon. Open 9 a.m.-2 a.m. No cover.

Regain your senses with a lunch break at **Duke of Perth** (2913 N. Clark St. 773-477-1741) for traditional fish and chips served with peas and malt vinegar (\$9.50). Saturday's just a regular day here, so consider this a small reprieve from the sea of green. Open noon-3 a.m. No cover.



Paddy Long's
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Daylight Saving Time starts this weekend at 2 a.m. Sunday (late Saturday night). Don't forget to put down your Guinness and set your watch ahead an hour.

SOUTH SIDE SUNDAY

Carrying on the tradition, parade or no parade? Here's what to know before you go

Have fond memories of toasting past parade days at **McNally's** (11136 S. Western Ave. 773-779-6202)? This cozy little pub has a capacity of just 65, so it might fill up fast. Open noon-2 a.m. \$10 cover.

Get sipping at **Mrs. O'Leary's Dubliner** (10910 S. Western Ave. 773-238-0784), where they've banished any and all bottles in favor of \$4 cans of Bud Light, Miller Lite and MGD. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. \$10 cover.

Start the party at **Southside Irish Fest at Reggie's Music Joint** (2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120) by shoveling green eggs and ham from a \$10 breakfast buffet, which begins at 9 a.m. Then hop on the first-come, first-served Reggie's bus, making trips all day to and from 111th Street and Western Avenue in Beverly. Open 9 a.m.-2 a.m. No cover.

Pay your respects to Beverly's retired festivities at the **Parade Wake at Beverly Woods** (11532 S. Western Ave. 773-233-7700), the Irish restaurant and banquet hall situated at the parade's former ending point. Neighborhood residents play music and even deliver a eulogy at this bash, which includes soft drinks and appetizers in the \$10 admission. Cash bar. 1-3 p.m.

Sit down for more sustenance at **Cullinan's Stadium Club** (11610 S. Western Ave. 773-445-5620), where dressed-in-green bartenders will be busy cracking open beer cans and serving their traditional parade-day food specials, \$5 corned beef sandwiches and \$4 hot dogs. 11 a.m.-2 a.m. \$10 cover.

Neighborhood fave **Cork & Kerry** (10614 S. Western Ave. 773-445-2675) won't have Maggie Speaks rocking out like in parade days past, but staff will do their best to replicate the day's tradition by filling cup after plastic cup with the Irish trinity of drafts (Guinness, Harp and Smithwick's, \$5-\$6). 11 a.m.-2 a.m. \$10 cover.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Attention Beverly imbibers: Staff at Western Avenue bars will be strictly monitoring their capacity, so arrive early if you have your heart set on getting into a favorite bar. Otherwise, prepare to wait in a one-in, one-out line. Most bars are charging a \$10 cover, so pub crawling can get pricey. Police are warning zero tolerance for open alcohol outside.



Cork & Kerry
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Scoot over to the **Hidden Shamrock** (2723 N. Halsted St. 773-883-0304) by 2 p.m. for a \$3.50 shot of Jameson and some Irish (and not so Irish) tunes from Morgan Fingleton, a native of the Emerald Isle. The staff here tells us they'll have so much green beer flowing, you'll think you're looking at the River Liffey in Dublin. 9 a.m.-3 a.m. No cover.

Still standing? Finish things off at lively drinking den **Crossroads Public House** (2630 N. Clark St. 773-248-3900). A \$20 parade-night package includes domestics, well drinks and, of course, green beer from 6-11 p.m. If you're still thirsty after that, you're on your own. Open 7 a.m.-3 a.m. No cover.



Cork & Kerry

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BIG CHICKS

\$5 cheeseburgers, half-price select appetizers 5-10 p.m.; 5024 N. Sheridan Rd. 773-728-5511.

BRIDGET MCNEILL'S

Half-price martinis, \$2.50 Miller bottles, \$5 bombs, \$4 nachos. Food specials are dine-in only; 420 W. Belmont Ave. 773-248-6654.

THE CALL

\$4 Bacardi cocktails, DJ Oskar spins 9 p.m.-2 a.m.; 1547 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 773-334-2525.

CRIMSON LOUNGE

\$4 Fat Tire pints, \$10 glasses of Moet Imperial champagne, DJ Ricky Bradshaw spins 9 p.m.; 333 N. Dearborn St. Hotel Sax. 312-923-2453.

FAT CAT

\$9.95 all-you-can-eat fish fry; 4840 N. Broadway. 773-506-3100.

FEARON'S

\$3 Coors Light drafts and Cuervo shots, \$4 Spaten drafts, \$4 Finlandia cocktails, \$6 Finlandia martinis, \$6 pasta dinners; 3001 N. Ashland Ave. 773-248-0990.

FOUR FARTHINGS

Half-price appetizers in the bar 5-7:30 p.m.; 2060 N. Cleveland Ave. 773-935-2060.

GARRETT RIPLEY'S

\$4 beer of the month, \$10 fish and chips; 712 N. Clark St. 312-642-2900.

THE GRAFTON

\$4 Jameson shots; 4530 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-271-9000.

HALSTED HARP

\$3.50 import bottles, \$4 Stoli drinks, \$4 Harp drafts, \$5 sandwiches; 2138 N. Halsted St. 773-348-3665.

HARRIGAN'S

\$5 Jack Daniel's and jumbo Stoli you-call-its; 2816 N. Halsted St. 773-248-5933.

KINCADE'S

\$3.50 Sam Adams drafts, \$5 Stoli cocktails and Jameson shots, \$7 Stoli martinis, complimentary buffet (5-7 p.m.); 950 W. Armitage Ave. 773-348-0010.

LONG ROOM

\$4 select microbrew drafts; 1612 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-665-4500.

MARKET

\$4 domestic bottles, \$5 seasonal beers; 1113 W. Randolph St. 312-929-4787.

MARY'S REC ROOM

\$4 Shock Top pints, \$5 fruit punch; 5402 N. Clark St. 773-784-6969.

Get St. Pat's started!

Kick off the weekend with these Friday bashes

BECKETT'S PUBLIC HOUSE

DJ Sully spins at this bash featuring green beer and food specials. No cover; 3210 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-880-9620.

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TILTED KILT PUB & EATERY

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8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

THE AQUABATS, MUSTARD PLUG, PLUNKET
6:30 p.m. \$19. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

BATTLEFIELD BAND, LIZ CARROLL AND FRIENDS
7 and 10 p.m. \$18-\$22. Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000.

BEN SOLLEE, DANIEL MARTIN MOORE
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11:30 p.m. Free. Club Blujazz, 1540 W. North Ave. 773-477-6872.

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8 p.m. \$20. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

DAVID FORD, BRENT PULS
7 p.m. \$12. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

FRANK CATALANO BAND
9:30 p.m. \$15. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

GAELIC STORM, OAKHURST
9 p.m. \$32.50-\$35. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

GREAT CRUSADES, FETCH
10 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Devon, 1401 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-9801.

KEITH SCOTT
7 p.m. Free. House of Blues, Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

KREATOR, VOIVOD, NACHTMYSTIUM, EVILE, LAZARUS A.D
7 p.m. \$25-\$28. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

LASERS AND FAST AND S*, POOL OF FROGS, CARJACK**
10 p.m. \$5. Empty Bottle,

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10 p.m. \$7. Cubby Bear, 1059 W. Addison St. 773-327-1662.

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9 p.m. \$8. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

MIKE MILLIGAN AND STEAM SHOVEL
10 p.m. \$10. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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THE PART V, I LOVE YOU, THE IDLE KINGS
8 p.m. \$7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. mpshows.com

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9:30 p.m. \$12-\$14. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

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7 p.m. \$12-\$14. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2501.

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GAELIC STORM, OAKHURST
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HAIL THE BLACK DRAGONS, JIP JOP, A MODERN BISON, DULCET ROAD, RUSSELL HOWARD
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HARVEY MILK, COALESCE, THE ATLAS MOTH
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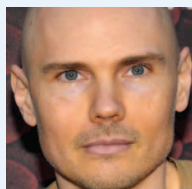
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@mmxmusic question of the week:

Billy Corgan is holding open auditions for the
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Here are some of our favorite answers from
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@mirz112: He needs to let it
go&start a new band w/a new
name. He's tainting the greatness
that is Smashing Pumpkins

@MSmidniteHORROR:
pathetic! How is it retiring if you
keep making music, horrible
music at that.

@caseserasera: so exciting...
8 years ago.

@kristine_lang: Very exciting!
Who knows what kind of
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Richard Giraldi: Who cares? The
Smashing Pumpkins died in 1998.

Phil Melcher: Billy Corgan is a
treasure to Chicago but I'm afraid
Smashing Pumpkins fanatics
are going to be in for a real
letdown. The only time replacing
somebody with somebody better
has worked was when Kelly Ripa
took over for Kathie Lee

Bill Linden: Don't care but I
wonder if the original pumpkins
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Danielle Alejandro: Just go solo
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Amos Lee, Tift

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'In the Zone'

Director of Damon's war flick had to get it just right

Los Angeles Times

"Green Zone" director Paul Greengrass doesn't follow the usual sequence of movie-making — develop a screenplay, film it, edit the footage together. He prefers instead to discover the story through the process itself.

The contours of his movies don't fundamentally change from start to finish, but there are countless journeys down dead ends along the way, and "Green Zone," which was shot in England, Spain and Morocco, was rushed into production in early 2008 (to finish before a threatened actors strike) with an unfinished script (thanks to a screenwriters strike), intensifying the consequences of his method.

While many directors consider extensive re-shoots an admission of failure, to Greengrass they're as essential as costumes. "You could be halfway through making a dinner of beef stew, and he'll walk through the door with a chicken and say, 'Maybe we shouldn't have beef stew tonight,'" said "Green Zone" screenwriter Brian Helgeland ("L.A. Confidential") in explaining the director's method. "He plans things out, but he also plans not to stick to his plans."

Matt Damon, who was allowed to improvise within 30-minute action scenes: "His cameras are always responding to what's happening. They are never predicting what's happening."

What might be exhilarating for actors and energizing for screenwriters are the very

things that steer studio execs to antidepressants. While Universal Pictures, which pushed the movie from an awards season slot in the fall to the spring, says it is eager to work with the director again, the studio and Greengrass both say making "Green Zone" was far from easy.

"I have to say," Greengrass said, "it was a long, hard road."

Greengrass is making a slightly less immodest statement with his new movie: Everybody might say pricey movies about combat in the Middle East are a fool's errand, but ultimately one of them has to work.

"I don't accept the proposition that cinema can't look to Iraq and bring people to it," Greengrass said.

If there's any filmmaker who can reverse Hollywood's history on the subject—the commercial under-achievers include "Stop-Loss," "Rendition," "Body of Lies" and Oscar winner "The Hurt Locker," which for all of its awards has grossed just \$12.7 million—it's Greengrass.

The former documentarian transformed Ireland's deadly 1972 civil rights march into the powerful "Bloody Sunday," and in between his last two kinetic Robert Ludlum blockbusters—"The Bourne Supremacy" and "The Bourne Ultimatum," both of which starred Damon—the British director was able to craft a riveting (and surprisingly successful) drama about an event few filmmakers would dare tackle: the 9-11 attacks in his "United 93."



Greengrass

DIFFERENT APPROACH

The \$11 million "Hurt Locker" has proved that a low-budget war story in limited distribution can bring in significant praise and modest receipts. There are few such economies on "Green Zone." With a budget of \$100 million, Matt Damon in a starring role and a wide national release Friday, it is Hollywood's biggest bet yet on modern conflict, an ambitious blend of political drama and popcorn diversion.

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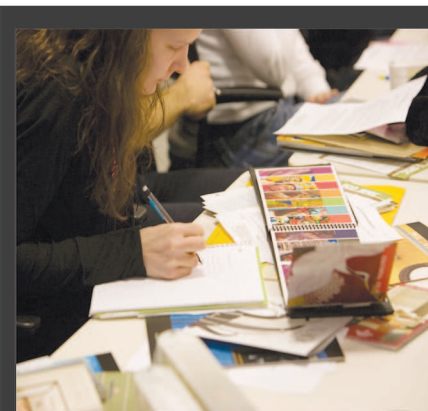
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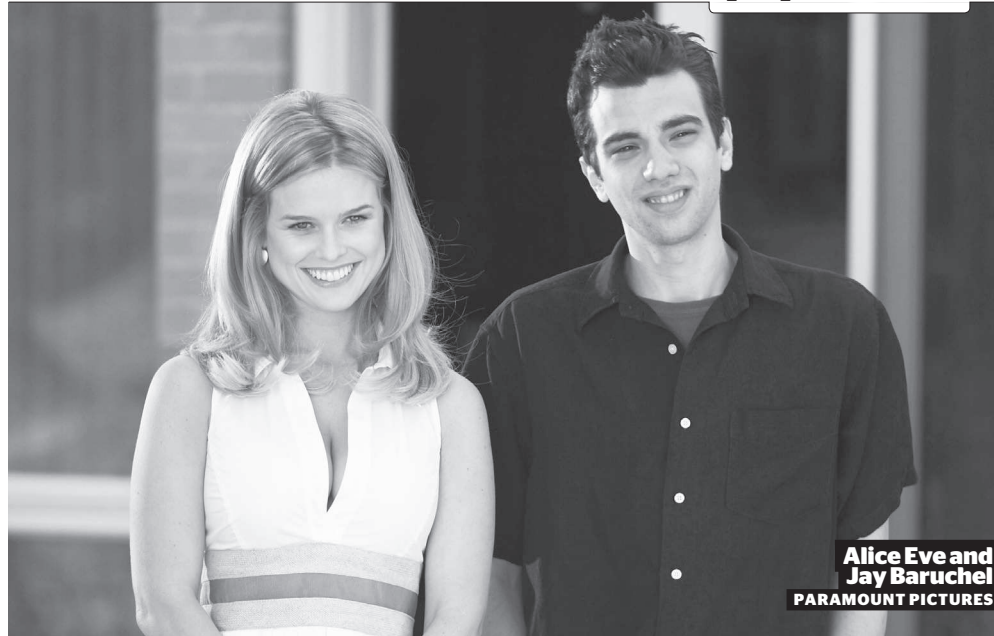
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TSA employee Kirk (Jay Baruchel), considered a "five" in the looks department, can't believe megahottie Molly (Alice Eve), a "10," wants to go out with him. Yet they go out, as Molly persists in dating a safer guy than usual, and Kirk constantly frets over the good luck he's sure will be exposed for the cosmic error it really is.

The buzz: It's nice for a romantic comedy to emphasize personality over looks, and the likable Baruchel ("Tropic Thunder") could have a breakout year. It's less encouraging that "League" features so much screen time for Kirk's obnoxious friends and family and comes from the writers of the terrible sex comedy "Sex Drive."

The verdict: A movie can't achieve a nakedly honest dude vibe like "I Love You, Man" when the characters are this irritating. Eve contributes some sweetness, and once in a while the witless humor turns funny. Yet the mean-spirited movie doesn't work if Molly's affections are unbelievable and Kirk is unlikable. He comes off as a spineless dope who lacks self-esteem and any qualities that suggest he deserves Molly. Premise ruined.

**'She's
Out
of My
League'**



With his hair messed up, his face unshaven and his clothes rarely nicer than a white T-shirt, Robert Pattinson always looks like he's rehearsing to play Jeff Buckley. So it's no wonder why Pattinson was cast as brooding college kid Tyler in "Remember Me," a drama of love and death that balances questionable narrative choices with strong performances.

Still resentful toward his father (Pierce Brosnan) over his older brother's death, Tyler finds another wounded soul in Ally (Emilie de Ravin), who 10 years earlier witnessed her

**'Remember
Me'**



mother's murder. Tyler only picks up Ally because she's the daughter of the cop (Chris Cooper) who roughed him up, but the two youngsters have a nice thing going. De Ravin is particularly impressive in her ability to play quirky without coming off as annoyingly cute.

This is a minor but watchable look at families splintered by tragedy and young love that's new, exciting and, let's face it, probably doomed. Sadly, the most memorable thing about "Remember Me" is the horribly cheap ending that feels like a punch in the face.

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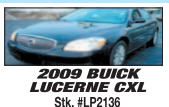
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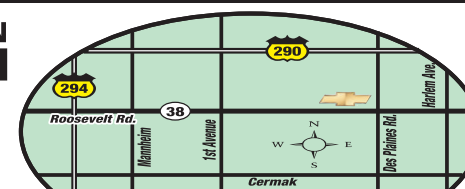
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"It takes a team of people to turn you into someone who looks like that girl on the film," Alice Eve says of her role as a "hard 10" in the comedy "She's Out of My League." **PARAMOUNT PICTURES PHOTO**

Star reveals what it takes to be 'Out of My League'

The Orlando Sentinel

The very title "She's Out of My League" might scare any actress away from wanting to play the "She," or even from that first meeting with the filmmakers. You can't have an ounce of humility about your looks if you're described in the script as "a 10, a HARD 10."

Alice Eve didn't flinch.

"I only found out about the 'hard 10' thing afterwards," the 28-year-old protests. "But you know what it is? Even when they describe the character as 'beautiful' or 'gorgeous,' you have to treat it the way you would an audition for a character who's supposed to be pregnant or a heroin addict. You can't assume that the description in the script is all that you are, or aren't. You have to show up and try to play it, carry yourself as she would and maybe they'll see you as the character, even if you aren't a heroin addict of a 'hard 10.'"

We're convinced. Eve is a native Brit once labeled a "posh blonde" by the BBC—a label that still sticks. Eve went all out, playing a successful and gorgeous young woman who is drawn, somewhat inexplicably, to Kirk, an airport security guard played by Jay Baruchel—nobody's idea of a "hard 10." What convinces her that audiences will buy into it?

"Tiger Woods," she says. "My character had been totally heartbroken by this hunk pilot.

He'd cheated on her and if you've ever lived through anything like that, you know how traumatic that is. I mean, look at the Tiger Woods thing, all the pain and humiliation that's caused. Your natural reaction after something like that is to look for the guy's exact opposite, someone who is honest and who plays his cards straight. Kirk, to her, is a guy with a lot less ego, somebody who isn't inclined to cheat."

Eve says she could "totally fall for a guy like Baruchel," who's "tall and funny and smells nice."

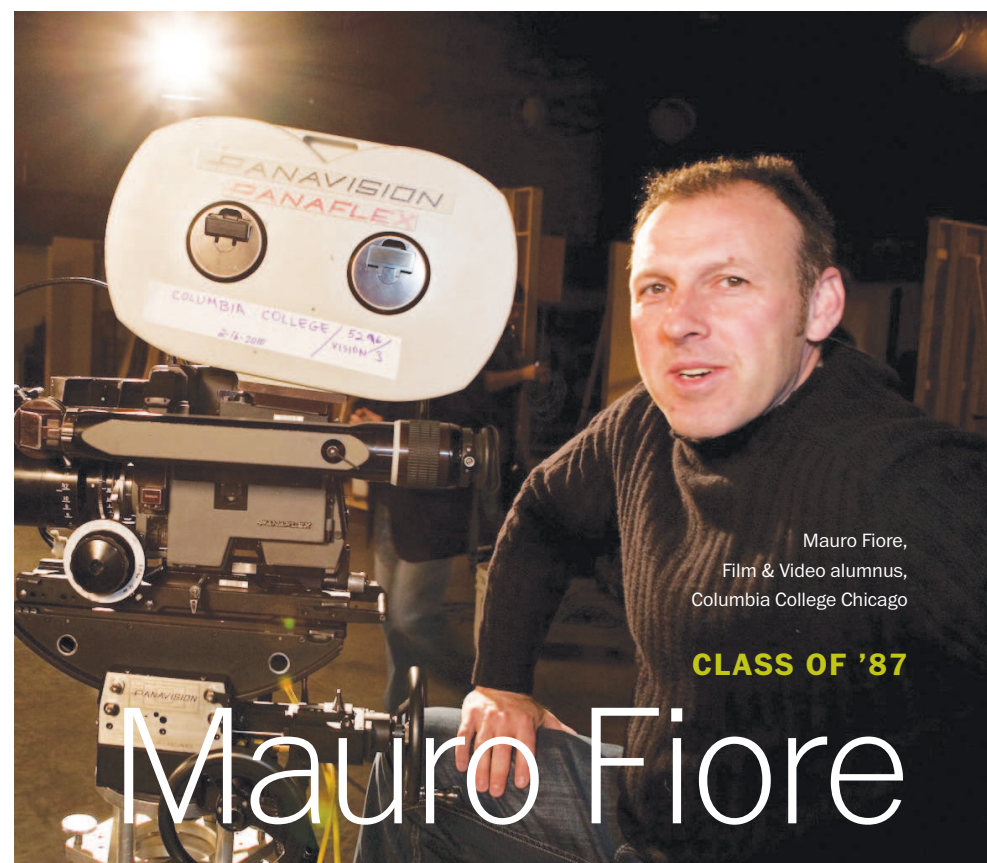
The message of the movie? "Recognize your good traits as assets," Eve says.

Or maybe "personality counts," jokes Krysten Ritter, the "hard 10" who plays the best friend of Eve's character.

"My character was described in the script as sort of 'frumpy, unattractive best friend,'" Ritter, also 28, recalls. "When I got the role, I was like, 'I guess I can go out drinking until all hours, la di dah!'"

But Eve still says the "posh blonde" or a "hard 10" label is a trap. She knows what goes into creating that image.

"You watch what you have to eat, do Pilates, get as many facials as you can stand, spend way too much time getting your hair puffed out, all for this role," she says. "It takes a team of people to turn you into someone who looks like that girl on the film."



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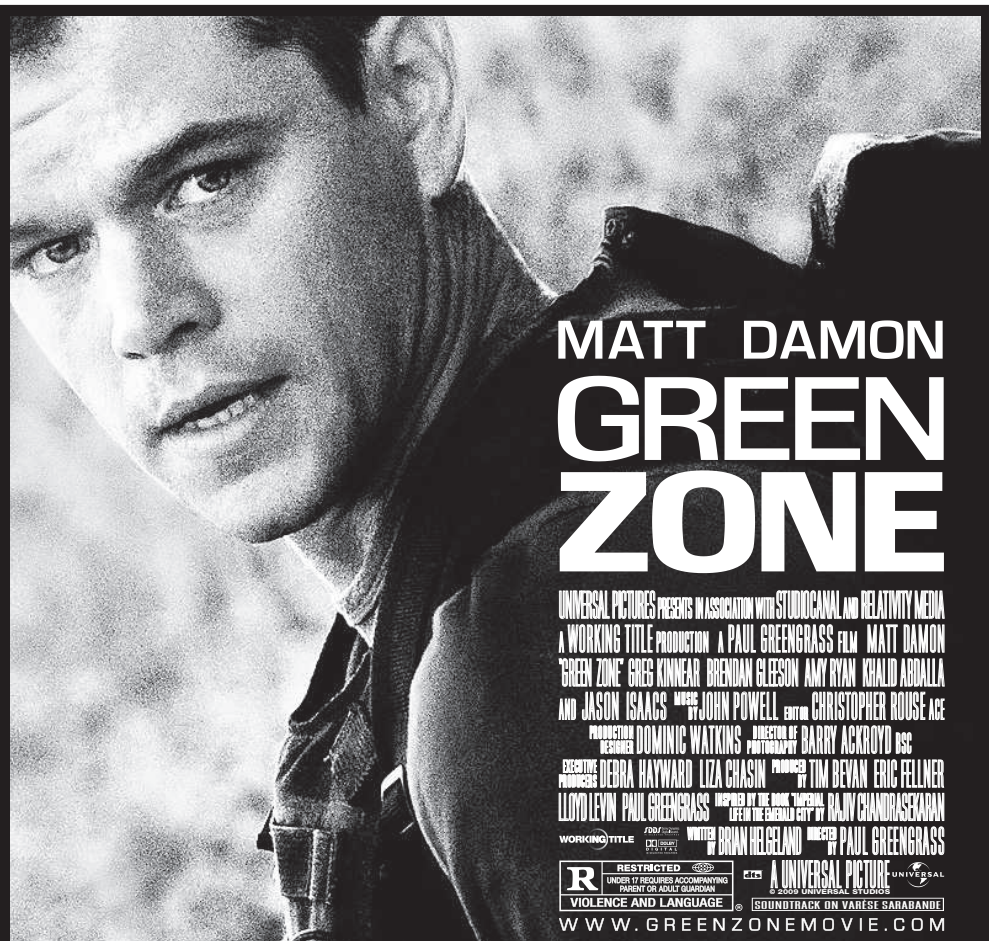
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■ The Last Station (R) 1:45,4:25,7:00
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■ Alice in Wonderland (PG) ★ 10:15,1:00,3:45,6:30,9:10
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■ Brooklyn's Finest (R) ★ 10:10,1:10,4:10,6:20,7:15,9:20,10:15
■ Cop Out (R) 11:20,2:20,5:20,8:15,11:00
■ The Crazyes (R) 10:20,1:15,3:50,6:50,9:55
■ Shutter Island (R) 11:40,2:45,6:15,9:30
■ Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) 10:00,12:45,3:30

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
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■ She's Out of My League (R) ★ 5:20,7:40,10:00
■ Alice in Wonderland (PG) ★ 4:45,7:00,9:15
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■ Our Family Wedding (PG-13) 10:45,12:50,3:00,5:20,7:40,10:00
■ Alice in Wonderland (PG) 10:45,12:10,1:30,2:40,4:10,5:15,7:00,8:00,9:40,10:30
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■ Cop Out (R) 10:50,1:40,4:05,6:45,9:20
■ Shutter Island (R) 11:40,2:50,6:00,9:00
■ The Wolfman (R) 11:30,2:10,4:45,7:10,9:30
■ Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) 10:55,1:35,4:20,7:05,9:50
■ Valentine's Day (PG-13) 11:00,1:45,4:35,7:25,10:15

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■ AMC Select The Young Victoria (PG) 2:15,4:50,7:20,9:55
■ Invictus (PG-13) 7:30,10:30
■ AMC Select Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (R) 2:00,4:30,7:00,9:40

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■ Remember Me (PG-13) 11:00,2:00,5:05,8:10,11:15
■ Our Family Wedding (PG-13) 11:05,1:50,4:40,7:35,10:30
■ Alice in Wonderland (PG) 12:15,3:15,6:15,9:15,12:05
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■ Brooklyn's Finest (R) 10:15,11:15,1:40,2:40,5:00,6:00,8:20,9:20,11:35
■ Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) 10:00,11:30,1:00,2:30,4:00,5:30,7:00,8:30,10:00,11:30
■ AMC Select The Yellow Handkerchief (PG-13) 11:05,1:55,4:45,7:35,10:25
■ The Crazyes (R) 10:30,1:20,4:10,7:05,9:50
■ Cop Out (R) 10:35,1:15,3:55,6:35,9:30
■ Shutter Island (R) 10:25,11:25,1:55,2:55,5:20,6:20,8:45,9:45,12:00
■ Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) 10:00,1:10,4:20,7:30,10:20
■ Valentine's Day (PG-13) 11:45,2:35,5:40,8:35,11:40
■ Avatar 3D (PG-13) 11:10,2:45,6:30,10:15
■ AMC Select Crazy Heart (R) 11:35,2:20,5:10,7:55,10:35

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■ Remember Me (PG-13) ★ 10:10,1:20,4:20,7:20,10:20,12:55
■ She's Out of My League (R) ★ 11:20,2:10,5:00,7:40,10:10,12:45
■ Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) ★ 10:15,10:45,1:00,1:30,3:45,4:15,6:30,7:00,9:15,9:45,12:01,12:30
■ Alice in Wonderland (PG) ★ 11:15,11:45,2:00,2:30,4:45,5:15,7:30,8:00,10:15,10:45
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■ The Crazyes (R) 10:50,1:50,4:50,7:50,10:25,12:50
■ The Ghost Writer (PG-13) 9:45,12:40,3:40,6:40,9:40,12:40
■ Shutter Island (R) 10:00,1:15,4:40,7:45,10:50
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■ Remember Me (PG-13) ★ 10:00,1:00,4:00,7:10,10:10
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■ Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) ★ 10:45,1:30,4:15,7:00,9:45
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■ Remember Me (PG-13) ★ 1:50,4:30,7:20,10:10
■ She's Out of My League (R) ★ 1:20,4:20,7:10,10:00
■ Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) ★ 1:30,4:15,7:00,9:45
■ Alice in Wonderland (PG) ★ 1:00,2:00,3:45,4:45,6:30,7:30,9:15,10:15
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■ The Crazyes (R) 12:40,3:30,6:20,9:00
■ Shutter Island (R) 12:15,3:20,6:45,9:50
■ Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) 2:15,5:00
■ The Wolfman (R) 7:45,10:40

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■ Our Family Wedding (PG-13) ★ 12:10,1:40,2:30,4:00,5:10,6:50,7:50,9:40,10:20
■ Remember Me (PG-13) ★ 1:50,4:30,7:20,10:10
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ALICE IN WONDERLAND

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ALICE is a NEW Burton classic that's visually pleasing and brilliantly acted by Grade A hollywood alumni. 4 Stars in my book.

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Go! 2 Alice in Wonderland 4 Depp & visual, stay 4 story & acting. Restrained performance by Depp makes it more than a feast

@sjliphone

Batavia 3D IMAX debuted digital this wknd w/ Alice. Stunning! It's a fairy tale - of course it's a simple story. Loved it.

@Domothybrid

Alice in Wonderland was "Mad as a hatter!" 3D was amazing,

though you can sense the Tim Burton-esqe in the movie.

@AaronBSam

Disney's Alice in 3D - more true to the books than the original Disney Alice, but a little too "Tim Burton" for my tastes.

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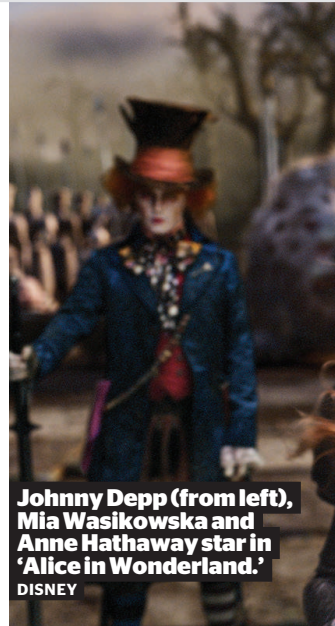
"Alice in Wonderland" didn't even have one linguistics joke!

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Alice in W ... Excellently walks the tightrope between too trippy and an enjoyable story. Mia Wasikowska is perfect as Alice.

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Saw Alice. Fun drug trip without the nasty side effects! Johnny Depp yummy and quirky as always.



Johnny Depp (from left), Mia Wasikowska and Anne Hathaway star in 'Alice in Wonderland.' DISNEY

CRAZIES

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The Crazies is a movie that will not disappoint the fans. chills, thrills, & screams.

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crazies a decent flick that didn't need constant things trying to scare you relied on intense sequences instead 7/10



Timothy Olyphant

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Crazy Heart was so unrealistic - a pretty, young journalist would never fall for an over-the-hill, overweight, alcoholic

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Saw a pre-screening of Hot Tub Time Machine last week. Really funny, kept the audience laughing entire time. Two thumbs up!

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'Ghost Writer' is edge-of-seat suspense. A must-see if you're not immediately put off by Polanski.

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Wedding gifts on a dime

Associated Press

Spring has sprung and so have the wedding invitations. They'll be joyous events, but finding the perfect gifts to bring along can be stressful during these tough economic times. Here are a few ways to cope if a crystal sugar bowl or a setting of designer china just isn't in your budget.

Get focused

Keep your goal in mind. You are giving someone a gift to celebrate their marriage, not attaching a price tag to your relationship with them. So buy what you can afford, with their tastes in mind.

And forget the rule that the gift's value must equal what your hosts spend on your meal, says Rebecca Black, etiquette specialist at Etiquette Now in Davis, Calif. There's no magic amount.

"A gift should be thoughtful," Black says. "We want them to have this because we care about them."

Get crafty

If you can sew, cook, work with wood or have other creative talent, consider making something. Someone with calligraphy skills could

provide a handwritten love poem. Most couples will cherish a wedding quilt made for them by a friend or an heirloom handed down to recognize the big event. If you're all thumbs, consider framing the wedding invitation, a special photo or another memento.

Get personal

Find a way to incorporate the couple's tastes and hobbies into a gift. For people who enjoy art, consider a museum membership or a subscription to an art magazine. Or consider donating in the couple's names to a charity that supports a passion of theirs.

Personalizing something with their names, initials or a new address makes a memorable gift.

Get resourceful

A group of friends or relatives could pitch in for one significant item. If you want to avoid shelling out any cash and you participate in a credit card reward program, use those points to buy a gift; such programs offer everything from espresso makers to jewelry to gift cards.



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DVD AND BLU-RAY ▲ 'Precious'

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"Precious," which won two Oscars on Sunday, unfolds in 1987 Harlem, where 16-year-old Precious (Gabourey Sidibe in an Oscar-nominated performance) lives a miserable life. She is overweight, has had a child after being raped by her father and really doesn't know how to read or write. Little wonder she is withdrawn. Director Lee Daniels takes a hard-hitting, no-holds-barred look at his subject matter. Those who see it will not forget it.

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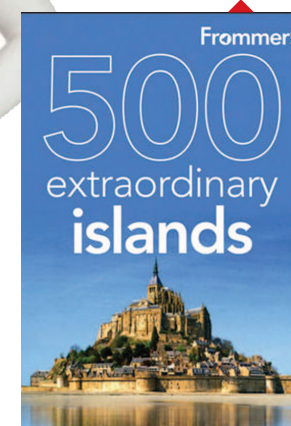
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Ashton Holmes felt a great responsibility while filming HBO's epic mini-series "The Pacific."

He didn't feel it just because he auditioned in front of the "Band of Brothers" producing team of Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks. It wasn't because he knew the budget would grow to more than \$200 million. He wasn't worried that millions of viewers would see him.

"I had a grandfather who recently passed away who was in the infantry in World War II," he said in an interview before a recent Chicago screening of the first installment. "He shared his experience and I just know how much of an impact that left on me. So I felt just a huge responsibility to get it right."

Holmes can rest easy. The lavish 10-part miniseries, which debuts at 8 p.m. Sunday, gives an emotional, honest and intense depiction of what U.S. Marines went through while battling the Japanese.

"It was barbaric," Holmes said. "Absolutely barbaric."

Holmes and co-star Rami Malek play two survivors of the conflict—Sidney Phillips (Holmes) and Merriell "Snafu" Shelton (Malek)—who were both friends of Eugene B. Sledge, upon whose autobiography "The Pacific" is partly based.

Holmes met his real-life counterpart, a "really, really wonderful man" who still lives in Mobile, Ala., and helped Holmes prepare for the role. Malek had to shape his portrayal of Shelton, who is dead, from the books in which he is mentioned and his own imagination.

"I just tried to think about what would desensitize a man like that and make him so numb to the war," he said, adding that Shelton and Sledge remained friends until Shelton's death in 1993.

The actors endured an exhausting 10-month shoot in Australia to recreate the battles of Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal, Peleliu and Okinawa. They said the heart-stopping action on-screen felt real while they were filming.

Holmes recounted a scene that viewers will see Sunday, in which Phillips runs across a battlefield on Guadalcanal.

"I look like I'm [bleeping] my pants. Well, I kind of was," he said. "I'm scared, and it reads on-screen."

Both actors said that at times the desertlike heat sapped their energy, and at others the rain soaked them to the bone. Malek even got sick during the shoot, but he isn't complaining. He said their experience pales in comparison to what the real Marines endured.

"It really is shattering to think what these men did out there."

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Guitar 8-bit

Los Angeles Times

Ask any musician what's wrong with video games such as "Guitar Hero" and "Rock Band" and you'll get some variation of this response: If gamers spent half as much time with a real instrument as they did pushing plastic buttons on a toy version, they could become musicians instead of just mimicking them.

That argument has been heard loud and clear at Seven45 Studios in Boston, where game designers have come up with "Power Gig: Rise of the SixString," which puts a genuine electric guitar into players' hands, allowing them to unplug from the game, hook up to an amplifier and rock for real.

At the Game Developers Conference in San Francisco, Seven45 officials on Tuesday demonstrated their version, which they boast has "the most sophisticated game controller ever invented." "Power Gig" is expected to hit the market this fall.

"This is unique and different enough to give the industry the shot in the arm it needs," Jeff Walker, Seven45 vice president of marketing, said Monday. "We believe there's a sizable audi-

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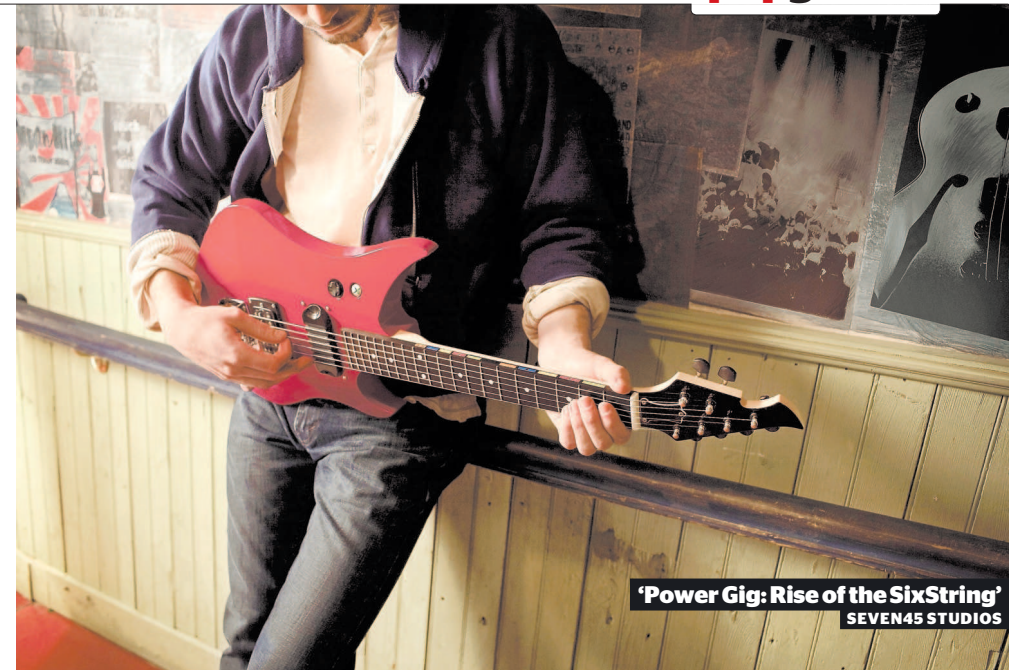
Two prominent guitar manufacturers are working on more realistic-feeling controllers for "Guitar Hero."

InspiredInstruments is about to introduce its You Rock Guitar, a hybrid guitar synthesizer-game controller that replaces the strum bar of the existing toy controllers with a short section of strings.

ence out there that is wanting to see the next natural evolution of where these music-based video games need to head."

The new game offers players a "beat-matching" mode in which strings are pressed on the guitar neck to score points. That parallels the experience of pressing multicolored buttons on the toy controllers in "Guitar Hero" and "Rock Band." But "Power Gig" also has a more advanced "chording" mode in which playing notes correctly and forming basic guitar chords advances the game play.

Seven45 officials take pains to say the game won't turn tone-deaf players into Eric Claptons and John Mayers. "This is not a learn-how-to-play game," Walker said.



'Power Gig: Rise of the SixString'
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Still, the musically-inclined can expect some benefit from gaming with a real instrument in hand. "We call it the 'stealth learning' approach," Walker said.

"Tutorials can be boring," he said, noting nevertheless that the game does have a tutorial function. "But people will find that after they've played for hours and hours that they start to develop the basic fundamentals of finger-strength building, knowing how much pressure to apply to

the strings, and how to form basic chords."

"Power Gig" will be introduced initially for Xbox and Sony Playstation3 game systems, with plans for a Wii version. The guitar controller also will be sold separately and is "100 percent compatible" with existing games, for those who don't want the entire "Power Gig" software-hardware package. But its function will be limited to beat-matching if used with "Rock Band," "Guitar Hero" or "Band Hero."



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The good: Having pretty much all the makeup you need in one smallish kit—a little bigger than a paperback—plus application instructions is convenient. The colors included in the kits are neutral and can be adapted to any situation (i.e. use more paint for a night out, less for a basic walkabout). Some of these products are great on their own, so much so

that our tester bought a full-size version of the BeachBlush in Sunset Beach.

The bad: The OneBase foundation/concealer did not offer enough coverage for my taste, and I don't use a lot to begin with. Also, the lip gloss, while perfectly fine, is a super-sheer light pink and appears colorless. And don't forget TSA rules: You'll need to pull the foundation, mascara and lip gloss out of the kit and put them in your Ziploc bag for carry-on.

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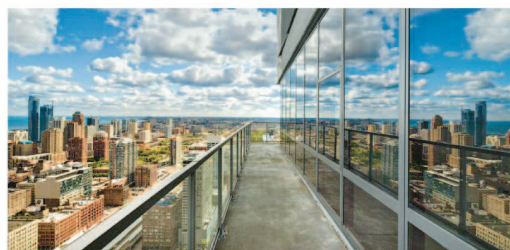
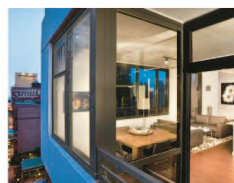
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White's big 'Night' is all set

Betty White will host "Saturday Night Live" on May 8, NBC has announced. The 88-year-old star, who was the focus of a spirited Facebook campaign, will be out front for the Mother's Day episode. "My agent said he'd divorce me if I didn't do it, and I love my agent," White said. The show also will see the return of six former female cast members: Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Molly Shannon, Ana Gasteyer, Maya Rudolph and Rachel Dratch. **EMILY ROSENBAUM MAKAR, REDEYE**

Here are a few things I would love to see happen on the show:

» White should drop a couple of F-bombs, because a foul-mouthed old lady on live TV is hilarious.



Shannon

Fey

Dratch

Gasteyer



Poehler

Rudolph

» There should be a skit in which White's Sue Ann Nivens, Shannon's Mary Katherine Gallagher, Fey's Sarah Palin, Dratch's Debbie Downer, Gasteyer's Bobbie Moughan-Culp, Poehler's Hillary Clinton and Rudolph's Donatella Versace come together at a business conference to dish, bicker and network.



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» The guys from "The Hangover" should drop by for a skit in which they take White to a big fiesta in Havana, where she promptly downs several mojitos and goes home with an admiring Fidel Castro (left).



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Sidibe (left) and Chasez
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Gabby & her dream man

Fresh off the Oscars, Gabourey Sidibe is wasting no time meeting more stars. The "Precious" star visited "America's Best Dance Crew" on Tuesday with her sights set on host J.C. Chasez, her longtime crush. Chasez was just as excited to meet Sidibe, enonline.com reports. She then busted a move for Chasez and the audience.

Coco is coming!

Conan O'Brien will be here in May, but don't bother rushing out for tickets—they're already sold out, The A.V. Club reports. Everyone's favorite redhead will be stopping in Chicago for two shows on "The Legally Prohibited From Being Funny On Television Tour." He also will make a stop at the Bonnaroo fest as part of his U.S. tour.

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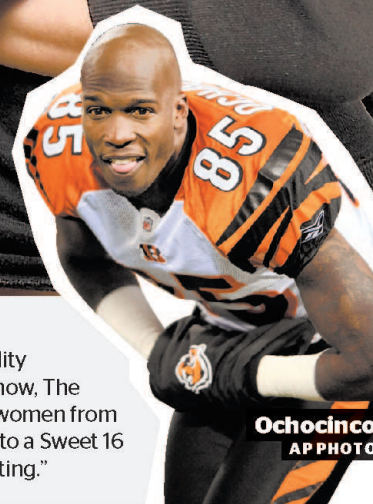
Now accepting bids for Robert Pattinson's funk. The costumes Pattinson wore in his new movie, "Remember Me," will be up for auction at icollector.com starting Saturday, people.com reports. Some young bidders probably hope the duds have not been washed since he wore them.

Watch your hands. Stewart

Kristen Stewart may be living out Joan Jett's loud rock 'n' roll lifestyle on-screen, but when it came to kissing Dakota Fanning, she had to dial it down. "She was 15, and I wasn't allowed to grope her," Stewart told "Access Hollywood" about the lip-locking the two engage in in "The Runaways." "I'm actually not kidding; there are major restrictions that I don't remember [from] when I was younger."



Dakota Fanning (left) and Kristen Stewart
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Ochocinco's Final Four

It's bracket season, and that means it's time for Chad Ochocinco's reality show. VH1 is slated to present "Tournament," a bracket-style dating show, The Hollywood Reporter says. The Bengals wide receiver will pare down women from the northern, southern, western and central regions of the country into a Sweet 16 (if you will). Those women then will compete in "tournament-style dating."

HOT DATE

May 8

That's the date the great Betty White, who has received the support of about half a million Facebook fans, will host "Saturday Night Live." For more information on the show, turn to Whoville, page 54.



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